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## **Amendment To The Claims**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A system for routing e-mails, comprising:

a server that includes a database, said database including a mapping from a physical <u>mailing</u> address to an e-mail address, wherein said server including means for mapping a physical <u>mailing</u> address to an address of an electronic mailbox upon receipt of an e-mail from a party, said server is connected to a network, said server further including an electronic mailbox for each physical <u>mailing</u> address, wherein said electronic mailbox is associated with an account number and password; and

a recipient host that includes a web browser, said recipient host connected to said network, wherein said host can access said electronic mailbox on said server using said account number and said password.

- (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said server provides means for allowing said recipient to request that said e-mail be printed and forwarded via traditional mail <u>using the physical mailing address</u>.
- (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said server provides a graphical user interface that allows a recipient to select whether electronic mail is delivered to said electronic mailbox or is delivered via traditional mail.
- 4. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising a mailer host that includes a web browser, said mailer host connected to said network, wherein said mailer host includes a graphical user interface that allows said server recipient to forward an e-mail to said recipient using said physical mailing address.
- 5. (currently amended) A method for routing e-mail, comprising the following steps:

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allowing a user to specify a physical <u>mailing</u> address of a recipient to whom the e-mail is to be sent; and

performing a mapping function on a server, said mapping function mapping said physical mailing address of said recipient to an e-mail address of said recipient.

- 6. (original) The method of claim 5, further comprising the step of allowing said recipient to choose between receiving a physical mailpiece and an e-mail, wherein if said recipient chooses to receive e-mail, then storing the e-mail in an electronic mailbox for said recipient; and wherein if said recipient chooses to receive physical mail, then routing the e-mail to a printer where the e-mail is printed and delivered via traditional mail delivery means.
- (original) The method of claim 6, further comprising the steps of: associating said e-mail with one of a plurality of classes via an E-designator tag;

specifying said classes for which said recipient desires to receive a physical mailpiece and said classes for which said recipient desires to receive e-mail.

8. (currently amended) A method for routing e-mail, comprising the following steps: receiving sending an e-mail addressed using a physical address of a recipient, wherein said e-mail has a designator tag that associates said e-mail with one or a plurality of classes of service;

performing a mapping function on a server upon receipt of said e-mail, said mapping function mapping said physical address of said recipient to an e-mail address of said recipient;

specifying said classes for which said recipient desires to receive a physical mailpiece and said classes for which said recipient desires to receive an actual copy of the e-mail in a mail control file;

storing the e-mail in an electronic mailbox of said recipient; and
if said recipient chooses to receive physical mail, then routing the e-mail to a
printer where the e-mail is printed, delivering the e-mail via traditional mail delivery

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means, and electronically notifying said recipient and sender that a physical copy of the e-mail was sent to said recipient.

9. (currently amended) A system for routing e-mails, comprising:

a server that includes a database, said database including a mapping from a physical <u>mailing</u> address to an e-mail address, wherein said server is connected to a network, said server further including an electronic mailbox for each physical <u>mailing</u> address, wherein

said electronic mailbox is associated with an account number and password, wherein

said server includes a mail control file containing E-designators, said E-designators representing classes of service; and

a recipient host, said host being able to access e-mails on said server using said account number and said password.

- 10. (currently amended) A method for parcel delivery notification, comprising the following steps:
  - (a) receiving an electronic order for a parcel;
  - (b) generating a parcel barcode;
  - (c) scanning a parcel barcode;
  - (d) sending an e-mail to a buyer who placed said electronic order by e-mail, wherein a physical <u>mailing</u> address of said buyer is used to send said e-mail, said step (d) occurring upon executing said scanning step (c);
  - (e) shipping the parcel to a parcel delivery center;
  - (f) scanning the parcel barcode at said parcel delivery center; and
  - (g) electronically notifying said buyer who placed said electronic order by e-mail, wherein said physical <u>mailing</u> address of said buyer is used to send said email, said step (g) occurring upon executing said step (f).
- 11. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising

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an interface that allows a party to send an e-mail using a physical <u>mailing</u> address, said interface providing means for correcting said physical <u>mailing</u> address.

- 12. (original) The system of claim 11, wherein said e-mail can be tagged as time sensitive by said party.
- 13. (original) The method of claim 5, further comprising storing the e-mail in an electronic mailbox, wherein said electronic mailbox is associated with said recipient.
- 14. (original) The method of claim 13, further comprising allowing said recipient to access said electronic mailbox using an account number and password.
- 15. (original) The method of claim 13, further comprising requiring said recipient to enter biometric data to access said electronic mailbox.
- 16. (original) The method of claim 5, further comprising printing the e-mail and mailing it to said recipient via traditional mail delivery means.
- 17. (original) The method of claim 5, further comprising allowing said user to associate the e-mail with a class of service selected from a plurality of classes.
- 18. (new) The system of claim 1, wherein,said e-mail address comprises a traditional e-mail address.
- 19. (new) The method of claim 5, wherein,said e-mail address comprises a traditional e-mail address.

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20. (new) The method of claim 8, wherein, said e-mail address comprises a traditional e-mail address.